

What is claimed is:

1. An information replaying apparatus comprising:
 - a chassis in which a plurality of disc-like information recording mediums are stacked one on another with one surface of each medium touched to one surface of another juxtaposed medium;
 - a grasping member configured to be disposed in the chassis and to grasp a disc-like recording medium to be replayed among the plurality of recording mediums;
- 10 a separation member configured to separate one or more other disc-like recording mediums other than the recording medium to be replayed, from the recording medium to be replayed; and
 - a replay unit configured to replay pieces of content information recording on an information recorded surface of the disc-like recording medium to be replayed.
2. The information replaying apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the separation member comprises
 - a holding member configured to fixedly hold a disc-like recording medium located immediately on the disc-like recording medium to be replayed among the other disc-like recording mediums; and
 - a drive unit configured to move the disc-like recording medium fixedly held by the holding member along a stacking direction of the plurality of stacked disc-like recording mediums.
3. The information replaying apparatus according to claim 2, wherein each of the plurality of recording mediums has a central hole formed at a center thereof and
 - 30 the holding member is formed to fixedly hold an edge encircling the central hole of the disc-like recording medium located immediately on the disc-like recording medium to be replayed.

4. The information replaying apparatus according to claim 3,
wherein

5 the holding member includes a disc body on which a
protrusion is formed to be in contact with the edge encircling the
central hole of the disc-like recording medium so that the edge is
fixedly held, the protrusion being formed to be able to pass through
the central hole of the disc-like recording medium, and

10 the drive unit is configured to move the disc body to locate the
disc body at the central hole of the disc-like recording medium
immediately on the disc-like recording medium to be replayed.

5. The information replaying apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein

15 the plurality of disc-like recording mediums are contained in a
container so that the mediums are stacked one on another with no
gap therebetween, the container being loadable into the chassis and
having a first lid member and a second lid member, and

20 the separation member is configured to separate, from the
disc-like recording medium to be replayed, both of the first and second
lid members as well as the other disc-like recording mediums other
than the disc-like recording medium to be replayed.

6. The information replaying apparatus according to claim 5,
wherein

25 the container is configured to be able to cause a recess formed
on one of the first and second lid members to be fitted to a projection
formed on the other of the first and second lid members, thus an open
and close operation being allowed between the first and second lid
members, and to cause the recess to be released from the projection
30 fitted to the recess, thus the first and second lid members being
separable; and

the separation member comprises a releasing member
configured to release a fitted state realized between the recess and the

projection of the container loaded into the chassis.

7. The information replaying apparatus according to claim 5, wherein

5 each of the first and second lid members has an opening through which at least part of an outer circumferential edge of each of the disc-like recording mediums is viewed, and

10 the grasping member is configured to grasp, through the opening, the outer circumferential edge of the disc-like recording medium to be replayed, along a radial direction thereof, in the container loaded into the chassis.

8. The information replaying apparatus according to claim 5, wherein

15 each of the first and second lid members has a cylindrical fixing member fittable into the central hole of each of the disc-like recording medium, and

20 the drive unit is configured to move the disc body along a direction in which the fixing member extends so that the disc body is located at the central hole of the disc-like recording medium immediately on the disc-like recording medium to be replayed.

9. The information replaying apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the protrusion has a given amount of elasticity.

25 10. A method for replaying information comprising the steps of:

30 inserting, into a chassis, at a time, a plurality of disc-like information recording mediums stacked one on another with one surface of each medium touched to one surface of another juxtaposed medium so that the mediums are loaded at given positions in the chassis;

grasping a disc-like recording medium to be replayed among

the plurality of recording mediums loaded at the given positions in the chassis;

separating one or more other disc-like recording mediums other than the recording medium to be replayed, from the recording
5 medium to be replayed; and

replaying pieces of content information recorded on an information recording surface of the disc-like recording medium to be replayed.